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REFERENCE: TCS No. 44-56, dated 1 August 1956

These instructions are designed to clarify a number of recent questions pertaining to the handling of TALENT and TALENT-COMINT materials. They are either corrections of or additions to the above reference.

#### USE OF TALENT CODEWORD

The TALENT Control System is designed to protect information pertaining to and derived from the exploitation of TALENT materials. Information pertaining to the exploitation of this material, which of necessity is administrative and/or operational in nature, should be classified SECRET or TOP SECRET without the codeword (CHESS) but should bear the stamp, HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY. Information derived from the exploitation of these materials should bear the codeword CHESS in addition to the normal TOP SECRET security classification, but should not be stamped HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY. Cover sheets will be placed on both types.

#### TALENT COVER SHEET

The TALENT cover sheet will be stamped at top and bottom with the security classification only -- CHESS is not placed on the cover sheet.

#### USE OF COMINT-TALENT CONTROLS

When it becomes necessary to include COMINT codeword material in a TALENT document the controls specified by COMINT regulations must be observed in addition to the TALENT controls. It is, therefore, necessary that the appropriate classification and COMINT codeword appear on the document along with the required TALENT control. When the TALENT document contains information of a COMINT nature, but does not require the COMINT codeword, it still must be restricted to channels approved for transmission of COMINT and therefore must bear the stamp HANDLE VIA COMINT-TALENT CONTROL SYSTEMS ONLY.

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COMINT-TALENT COVER SHEET

Tab "A" is a copy of a new cover sheet for documents bearing the dual indicators "EIDER-CHESS".

Those documents which do not bear these indicators but which must remain in the COMINT-TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM should be covered by a cover sheet a copy of which is attached as Tab "B".

The classification only but not the codeword(s) will be stamped at the top and bottom of these cover sheets. Limited quantities may be obtained from [REDACTED] Code 143, Ext. 2023 or 643.

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USE OF TCS AND SC NUMBERS

All papers bearing the TALENT codeword or the stamp HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY will be assigned a TCS number. All papers bearing the COMINT-TALENT codewords or the stamp HANDLE VIA COMINT-TALENT SYSTEMS ONLY will be assigned a SC Number. These numbers must appear on all pages of the paper. This applies only to all CIA produced papers as well as papers received in CIA from other TALENT Control Areas.

TRANSMISSION OF COMINT-TALENT DOCUMENTS

To ensure that HTAUTOMAT couriers do not unwittingly transmit envelopes containing TALENT-COMINT material to unauthorized recipients or areas, TCOs are requested to place one of the following symbol (s), as appropriate, in green in the upper right hand corner of all outer envelopes:

"T" for TALENT

"C-T" for COMINT-TALENT

RECEIPTS

Receipts for TALENT and TALENT-COMINT material will be returned in sealed envelopes to the originator through the HTAUTOMAT courier service.

The stamps "HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY" or "HANDLE VIA COMINT-TALENT CONTROL SYSTEMS ONLY" should not be used unless required.

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In order to avoid unnecessary classification of document receipts, it is suggested that TCO's exercise special care in the description of materials which are placed on document receipts so as to avoid unwarranted disclosure of classified data. In the event it is impossible to reference the item transmitted without divulging classified information, the document receipt should bear the appropriate classification and/or codeword (s). Such classified receipts do not require receipts when returned in the TALENT courier system provided by HTAUTOMAT.

#### COURIERS

The HTAUTOMAT couriers have in the past been asked to deliver non-codeword materials resulting in delayed deliveries of TALENT and related rush materials. As of this date, the HTAUTOMAT couriers are instructed to deliver only those materials which are in the TALENT and/or COMINT-TALENT Control System (s); other materials should be handled in normal courier channels.

#### AUTHORIZED RECIPIENTS

A list of authorized areas and recipients is furnished in Tab "C".